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1. SUMMARY: APRIL 28 DEBATE ON THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION OPENED WITH STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR SCRANTO DELIVERED TO FULL HOUSE WITH MUCH HIGHER THAN NORMAL AMBASSADOR-LEVEL ATTENDANCE. US STATEMENT(REFTEL) RECEIVED FAVORABLE RECEPTION FROM WE O DELS. SOME DELS HAVE SOUGHT INTERPRETATION OF PHRASE PERTAINING TO POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE. JORDANIAN DEL DELIVERED STRONG STATEMENT PROCLAIMING ADOPTION OF ZIONISM RES WAS OF GREAT MORAL CONSEQUENCE AND STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE BYELORUSSIAN SSR, AUSTRIA, NIGERIA, PERU, CUBA, AUSTRALIA, GHANA, ARGENTINA, KENYA. END SUMMARY.

2. STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR SCRANTON IN ECOSOC APRIL 28 HAS
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APPROACHES BY OTHER DELS SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF STATEMENT THAT US COULD RESUME PARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE IF DECADE WERE TO RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL BASIS. MISSION HAS RESPONDED THAT THIS STATEMENT IS REAFFIRMATION OF US POSITION.

3. JORDANIAN DEL PROFITED FROM AUDIENCE ASSEMBLED FOR US STATEMENT TO DELIVER FIRM PRESENTATION STATING GA ACTED APPROPRIATELY WHEN IT ADOPTED RES 3379, WHICH WAS OF GREAT MORAL CONSEQUENCE AND A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. FURTHER, IT EXPOSED THE BANKRUPT MORAL POSITION OF ISRAEL'S SUPPORTERS; DENIAL OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS RACISM AND DESERVES PUNISHMENT. JORDANIAN DEL ALSO CLAIMED THERE WAS A LINK BETWEEN THE STRUGGLES AGAINST RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN ISRAEL.

4. BYELORUSSIAN SSR FOLLOWED USUAL SOVIET LINE SUPPORTING STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID AND ACCUSING CAPITALIST COUNTRIES OF SUPPORTING SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME WITH MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LINKS. SPEAKER ALSO STATED THAT THE SALISBURY/PRETORIA AXIS OF FOREIGN MONOPOLIES CONTROLLED BY UK, US, FRG, FRANCE AND JAPAN IS STRENGTHENING COLONIAL REGIMES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT FORCES OF RACISM SUFFERED DEFEAT IN ANGOLA AND WARMLY CONGRATULATED ANGOLAN PARTIOTS. STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH PRAISE FOR RES 3379 SAYING PROOF OF ZIONISM/ RACISM EQUATION WAS ELOQUENTLY PROVED BY RECENT VORSTER VISIT TO ISRAEL.

5. OTHER NOTABLE STATEMENTS OF AFTERNOON INCLUDED MODERATE STATEMENTS BY GHANA, KENYA AND NIGERIA, NONE OF WHICH MENTIONED RES 3379. GHANA STATEMENT INCLUDED DETAILED DISCUSSION OF GHANA'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND NEED FOR UN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 1978 WORLD CONFERENCE. THE PORTION OF THE GHANA STATEMENT ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED USUN 1797. OTHER REMARKS IN REGARD TO FINANCING THE WORLD CONFERENCE INCLUDED STATEMENT BY BULGARIAN DEL SUGGESTING A VOLUNTARY FUND AND STATEMENT BY BULGARIAN DEL SUGGESTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A VOLUNTARY FUND AND STATEMENT BY AUSTRALIAN DEL THAT HIS DEL BELIEVES A PROPOSAL AFFECTING RES 2609--WHICH HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY WELL FOR SOME YEARS AS THE FUNDAMENTAL BASE OF THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION SYSTEM--DESERVES CAREFUL STUDY.

6. STATEMENT BY CUBAN AMB ALARCON DWELLED AT LENGTH ON ANGOLA. HE CLAIMED THE MYTH OF WHITE SUPREMACY HAS

BEEN ELIMINATED FOREVER IN THE BATTLEFIELD AND THE DAYS
OF SOUTH AFRICA ARE NUMBERED. ALARCON ALSO STATED IF
ANYONE DOUBTED THE VALIDITY OF GA ACTION IN PASSING
RES 3379, THE DOUBTS WOULD BE DISPELLED BY THE RECENT
VORSTER VISIT TO ISRAEL WHICH PROVED THE CLOSE ASSOCIAT-
ION OF THOSE REGIMES.
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